

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In order to make it possible to perform the starting or the changing of photographing, recording and reproducing modes easily and to eliminate walls  
5 between the modes, an image pickup apparatus includes a first mode for recording a photographed image on a record medium as an image file, a second mode for reproducing the image file, and an operation member which can switch to each mode by different operation  
10 methods, wherein the operation member returns to its original state after the performance of an operation.